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~~1. A clamping device with two or more grip jaws, which merge into a pincer portion each and are joined together in the transition area by a crosspiece, wherein both the clamping device and a half-profile of said clamping device are integrally formed from plastic and the pincer portions take the form of hollow chamber profiles, characterized in that, in the inoperative state, the grip jaws lie adjacent to each other in a biased condition generated by extrusion and that the pincer portions are spaced apart.~~

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~~4. A clamping device as recited in claim 1 wherein a unitary spring device forces the pincer portions apart in addition to the biasing force.~~

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~~9. A process for manufacturing clamping devices, comprised of:
extruding a length of plastic with hollow chamber profiles to form a multiplicity of clamping devices,
after the extrusion, applying a biasing force, said force generated in a calibration zone which causes a set grip jaws of the clamping devices to lie adjacent to each other;
and
severing the clamping devices from the extruded length in desired widths.~~

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~~10. The process as claimed in claim 9, wherein the biasing force is generated by spreading apart a set of pincer portions of the clamping device.~~

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4, 5, 8-10, 12, 15, 19, 22, 23, 27, and 30 are pending in the application.

35 USC § 112 Rejections

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